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Oct. 7 McClellan fire cause released

Capt. Robert Gonzales
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SM-ALC Public Affairs

An Air Force fire investigation board has determined the Oct. 7 McClellan fire was caused by a series of human errors made by a contractor in a construction area within Bldg. 243G, the Plating Shop.

The investigators found the fire was caused by the ignition of Methyl Ethyl Ketone fumes confined in a poorly ventilated tunnel. MEK is easily ignited and has a flash point of about 21 degrees Fahrenheit. The fumes were ignited by a halogen construction lamp and the fire traveled down the length of the 7 foot by 10 foot rectangular tunnel. The tunnel runs in an east-west direction and is about 330 feet in length.

Investigators concluded the lamp ignited the fire either through heat generation or an electrical short.

The investigation team was convened by Maj. Gen. Eugene Tattini, the SM-ALC commander, and was composed of Air Force experts from safety, OSHA, legal, environmental, fire, and base engineers, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers.

The fire is estimated to have caused approximately \$2.3 million in damage to Bldg. 243G. The



Left: Some of the \$2.3 million in damage caused by the Oct. 7 fire to the basement level of Bldg. 243G. The intense heat from the fire, about 2,100 degrees Fahrenheit, melted this fiberglass grating directly below the plating shop and directly above the tunnel where the fire started. Below: The charred remains of a radio and halogen lamp where investigators concluded the fire started.

four air scrubbers and the surrounding support utilities on the east side of G Bay were destroyed as was the eastern half of the ventilation tunnel. Numerous process tanks and their supporting systems were also damaged.

Smoke and soot may have also caused damage to the chemical solutions, possibly ruining some of them. Current estimates are that about half of these solutions will need to be disposed of and replaced.

Investigators found five to six containers of MEK, cardboard, and cloth rags saturated with flammable chemicals used in sealing fiber reinforced plastic joints near the fire's origin. Investigators stated the fire started in the air duct ventilation tunnel and moved



rapidly through the duct and into the air scrubbers on the east end of the building.

The fire was reported at 12:43 p.m. with the first fire engine arriving two minutes later. Workers inside G bay immediately

closed the doors to the adjacent bays and evacuated the building. Closing the doors prevented smoke damage to other areas of the facility. The fire was reported contained at 3:22 p.m. Two

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TLC takes over Operation Santa Claus charity mission

Cathy Harvey
President, Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus has served the needy in the Sacramento area for nearly four decades. However, last year was the last year McClellan personnel were responsible for Operation Santa Claus. Still there is a need to help needy families with food and a little hope and cheer at Christmas time.

During the year, members of the LOGSTAR Program, who are a committee of community leaders that have a partnership with McClellan, met with their base counterparts to discuss the future of Operation Santa Claus. The LOGSTAR Operation Santa Claus committee's goal was to assist the transition of the food box program from McClellan to the community. The committee decided that TLC Soup Kitchen would be the lead agency this year for the food box program. Other

agencies throughout the community, such as the base Family Support Center, Pacific Bell and North Sacramento School District, have agreed to assist TLC with the program.

Under the guidance of Mary Watts and her staff, the TLC Soup Kitchen will provide Christmas food boxes in an extended food program called "TLC Feed the Children" This project will be made possible through fundraising benefits, donations, and canned food drives.

TLC Feed the Children program needs your help. Volunteers are needed to help in one of the four soup kitchens sponsored by TLC. Volunteers are needed to collect, sort and stock canned food items for the Christmas food boxes. Work on the food boxes will begin Dec. 6. Volunteers will be needed during a 2-week period for this project. Additional help is needed for the registration, construction and distribution of food boxes to the community. All food boxes will be given

out Dec. 20.

Volunteers have a unique opportunity to improve the quality of life in their communities. A volunteer that gives donated time to the varied TLC hands-on projects may sponsor one family to receive a food box. The TLC Soup Kitchen's sponsorship motto is, "Serve the needs of the community by giving people a hand up, not a hand out." TLC needs your involvement.

I and the other board members of Operation Santa Claus thank TLC Soup Kitchen and the other community agencies for offering their services this year. Because our volunteers who supported Operation Santa Clause are still a part of the Sacramento community, we hope they will participate in all TLC programs.

For more information about how you can help TLC, volunteer, or get a sponsor sheet, call Mary Watts or Chris Bush at 564-2136 or Cathy Harvey at 643-1964.

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ACTION LINE

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This column is one of several ways we have of doing two things: First, helping you solve problems or answering questions which haven't been solved or answered through normal channels; and second, highlighting good things around the base.

If you have a problem or question, please call the agency or individual involved and try to work things out yourself, before you call the **Action Line**. Don't forget your first sergeant and commander, both earn a living solving problems.

When individuals call the **Action Line**, each call is treated seriously and is staffed very thoroughly.

In many cases, we find the answers to be quite simple and the caller would have received an answer much faster by calling directly the agency involved.

If the subject is sensitive, I will try to work



Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard
77th Air Base Wing commander

anonymous calls, but I'm interested in knowing people who want to make the Air Force a better place — you should be proud to leave your name.

Additionally, since we can print only a small fraction of the inquiries, if your item is not selected for publication and you are anonymous, we have no way of "closing the loop."

So, before you call the **Action Line**, be sure you have at least tried the system first — and if that fails, call!

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McClellan's Autobahn

Q I wholeheartedly agree with the Sept. 25 Action Line regarding the speeding on the South side of the runway. I also use gate 660 to enter the base. As I drive to Bldg. 250 I am amazed to see the number of people who speed on this stretch of road. Where the speed limit is posted at 35 mph, they go about 45-50 mph. Where the limit drops to 25, they then reduce their

speed to 35-40. It is very dangerous and needs to be looked into.

A Your interest is the safety of all our personnel is appreciated. My security forces and ground safety staff are giving the area of North Dudley Loop considerable attention. Their efforts are enhanced by personnel such as yourself. Thank you for all that you do in support of national defense here at McClellan.

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Center commander cites past, future as good reasons to vote

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(AFNS Feature) — When George Washington became president in 1789, a king ruled France, a holy Roman emperor ruled much of Europe, a czarina ruled Russia, a shogun ruled Japan and an emperor ruled China. Of these, only the president remains. I think this fact is a tribute to the strength of our political system.

The U.S. government, which started out as a "democratic experiment" has

withstood the test of time and serves as a shining example to the other nations of the world. The success of a democratic form of government is really no surprise: with a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," a change in leadership doesn't require

a violent revolution—it just requires an election.

The decisions we, as Americans, make during the next two months will set the course for our local communities during the next few years and beyond. We owe it to ourselves, our children and our children's children to explore the issues relevant to the upcoming election, carefully consider all sides of each, and vote for the candidate and programs which we feel can best help our communities. In this sense, voting is not just a privilege, it's a responsibility.

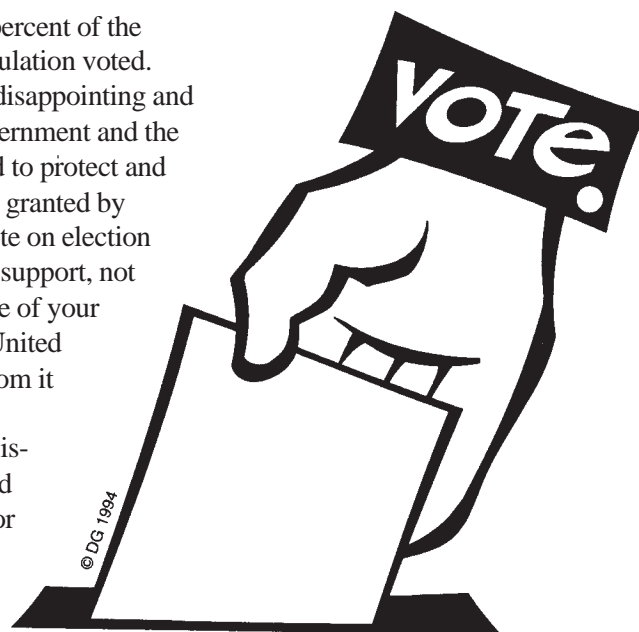
Unfortunately, not all Americans are willing to take on this responsibility. According to John Anderson, the president of the Center for Voting and Democracy, "voter turn out dropped below 50 percent for the first time in seven decades ... " The same year in California, the U.S. Federal Election Commission

reported only 43.9 percent of the total voting age population voted. These statistics are disappointing and suggest that the government and the nation we are tasked to protect and defend are taken for granted by many. When you vote on election day, you show your support, not just for the candidate of your choice, but for the United States and the freedom it represents.

If you are not registered to vote; or need an absentee ballot for the upcoming election, you need to act now. For local residents, registration is as simple as going to the public library and filling out the form. Although time lines vary from state to state, it's usually a good idea to have these matters taken care of at least 60 days in advance of the

election. If you are active duty military and maintain residence in another state, your voting officer can help you with the registration process and provide you with an

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Tricare Prime: A must for families of active duty

Col. Edward F. Torres
77th Medical Group Administrator

Dear 77th Medical Group Commander:
“...we will probably get more bills that we can’t afford to pay...”

“...I cannot afford to pay these high deductibles or copayments...”

Unfortunately, these are typical excerpts from actual letters the 77th Medical Group has received from active duty sponsors who realize too late that their family is not covered under Tricare Prime. Family member enrollment in Tricare Prime at McClellan is less than 50 percent.

An accident or unforeseen illness that results in large bills can put a big dent in the savings of many families who are not enrolled in Tricare Prime. Many active duty members and their families have assumed they have been automatically enrolled in Prime. Not so. Could this be you? Quite possibly it could be. The truth is family members are automatically covered by Tricare Standard, which requires higher copayments and deductibles for services such as ambulance trips, most lab and x-ray procedures and some types of hospitalization. However, active duty family members can enroll in Tricare Prime at their option and at no cost. To improve this situation, the 77th Medical Group has entered into a marketing partnership with our Tricare contractor, Foundation Health, Inc. More about the benefits of Tricare Prime will be available in the months to



Col. Edward F. Torres

come via direct mailings, articles in the *Spacemaker*, handouts at the clinic and other media. Getting the word out is critical as we are now making adjustments that will make the most of our resources and maximize your benefits as we draw towards eventual base closure in July 2001.

Starting July 1998, the clinic on McClellan will serve Tricare Prime enrollees only. Your family members can no longer be seen here unless you are enrolled in Prime. Non-Prime family members will be seen at the McClellan Hospital at Mather Field which is a half hour drive across town. This strategy is designed to maximize the number of medical staff at the McClellan Clinic, thus making it easier for you to gain access to the care you need on this side of town. Our budgeting guidelines require that our medical facility be staffed based on the number of enrollees in

Tricare Prime who have decided to use the 77th Medical Group as their primary care facility. If less than 50 percent of the active duty family member population remains unenrolled, we will be drastically understaffed to meet your needs next year. Keep in mind, the pharmacy on McClellan will continue to fill prescriptions for all eligible beneficiaries.

For retirees under 65, enroll in Tricare Prime as soon as possible. For a retiree under age 65 residing near a BRAC base, it makes the most sense to enroll with the civilian providers in the Foundation Health network. This will give you a few years of “practice” in the network while we’re still around to help you with any ques-

tions or problems you may have. However, we will be happy to accept you as an enrollee at the McClellan facility if that is what you choose. This option will be available to you until Oct. 1, 1999. Starting on that date the McClellan Clinic will be sized to serve only active duty and their family members. We will also completely move from the hospital across town at this time to fully consolidate our resources at McClellan until closure in 2001.

Commanders, this is a foot stomper. A medical emergency for one of your troop’s unenrolled family members could pose an immediate financial calamity for that family. It will directly affect the ability of that person to do the job. This can dampen an otherwise stellar career and affect the mission success rate of your unit. You are responsible for the well-being of your unit’s personnel. This could eventually be your problem unless you become pro-active. Mention Tricare Prime enrollment at all of your commander’s calls. Track the percentage of enrollment in your unit. The 77th Medical Group has this information and a group of speakers to help you get the word out.

For active duty spouses who work outside the home, your employers often provide their own medical insurance. If so, why not be like a card shark and hold an “ace in the hole”? This should not affect your decision to enroll in Tricare Prime as a sort of “double indemnity” for your family’s healthcare. Remember, enrollment is FREE. Call the Tricare office at the 77th Medical Group today to ensure each one in your family is enrolled in Prime. The phone number is 643-8536. It will only take about 10 minutes and won’t cost you a dime. *It’s a no-brainer!*

AFMC commander shares business philosophy

Capt. Robert Gonzales
SM-ALC Public Affairs Officer

The commander of Air Force Materiel Command addressed the base’s senior leaders and managers Tuesday at the Officers’ Club.

The purpose of Gen. George T. Babbitt’s visit was to address a common framework to improve AFMC’s financial and operational performance. Specifically, the general, on his third visit to McClellan Air Force Base since taking command of AFMC, spoke about the supply management business area and the depot maintenance business area.

Babbitt said, “It seems to me we have great opportunities to improve our financial performance and possibly even improve our operational performance, but it takes a common understanding of what these business areas mean.”

He relayed his recent experience when visiting Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and their effective use of this understanding to win the C-5 public-private workload competition.

“Depot maintenance is a business, not a source of funds,”

said Babbitt. “For some people, this is a change in mind set. Maybe more in the supply business area than the depot maintenance business. There’s a long history in AFMC of running depot maintenance as a total cost recovery business. But, in the supply business area, we don’t have nearly that sort of history behind us.”

“In a business, your budget authority ultimately comes from the value of sales that you make during the year. I want people to think about our supply management area as a business, not just a source of funds.”

“If you’re going to run a business, you’ve got to focus on cost management, while I’m not ignoring operational performance. Cost management is an area where we all need to get up to speed together and it will be my primary focus for a while.”

“We’ve got to think about who’s the buyer, who’s the seller and who’s the customer. In the Robins C-5 case, the buyer is the C-5 single manager who acts as the agent for

the customer, Air Mobility Command, who contracts for C-5 PDMs.”

“The system program director is a very important person in this process, but not the only person. From a depot maintenance

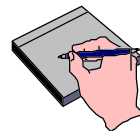
business point of view, it’s the director of maintenance for the C-5 who is really the key player. That’s the person who has to say ‘I delivered the work, on time,

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U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Michael P. Collier

Gen. George T. Babbitt, AFMC commander, is greeted by Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, SM-ALC commander, and Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer, SM-ALC vice commander, as he arrives here. Babbitt arrived at 9 a.m. Tuesday and was then taken to the Officers’ Club where he briefed leaders and managers. Babbitt also received briefings from the SM-ALC staff and departed about 1:30 p.m.



Auto rescue training helps save lives

**Airman 1st Class
Michael P. Collier**
SM-ALC Public Affairs

In a recent training session held at McClellan's fire rescue training facility, firemen from Sacramento's surrounding fire departments got a first-hand look some new techniques on saving the lives of people who are in a car crash.

Len Watson, a retired firefighter from the London Fire Brigade, served as head instructor for the six-day course. Watson now travels the world giving instruction on the latest techniques in auto extrication.

"This sort of instruction is critical," said Watson. "In Europe, the Autobon is extremely dangerous, and many people suffer serious injury, and die because of the high-speed crashes. That is why we needed to develop the more up-to-date techniques to administer life-saving actions."

This knowledge, when applied to area fire rescue units, can help

save the lives of those on base and in the community. This training, as well as the training McClellan firefighters receive could not be made possible without vehicles to train with. When McClellan firefighters are

trained on extraction techniques, they train with cars are donated by Simsmetal America of Rancho Cordova. Since the vehicles are bound for the crusher, they are be used to their maximum potential to help save your lives.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Michael P. Collier

A member of Sacramento's fire department uses the jaws of life to cut through the structure on a vehicle as part of the auto extrication process.



E-mail secrets declassified

Maj. Gregory J. Touhill
77th CS commander

Don't know what you are doing when it comes to email? You are not alone! Thousands of uninformed computer users worldwide choke corporate, government, and military computer networks because they don't know the very easy rules regarding email etiquette. These rules, previously highly classified at a secret think tank located deep in the heart of a local elementary school, were smuggled out of the facility in an effort to lessen the chaos on computer networks worldwide. Official government sources have neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the secret think tank, but the National Enquirer confirms the school does exist. These rules of thumb can help you in official email correspondence just as they do our school kids.

Don't open attachments unless you know who they are from. Attachments can contain viruses or undesired executable programs that can corrupt your system. Ensure you virus scan with the latest virus eradication software (see 77 CS Information Protection Homepage).

Clean out your mailbox regularly. A full mailbox clogs the server and can prevent you from sending or even receiving email. Throw away messages you no longer need. Those you'd like to save, save on a diskette or to your hard drive.

Don't use all capitals. IT MEANS YOU ARE YELLING AT THE READER! (unless you really WANT TO YELL)!!

Don't forward or send things that people might not want to read. If you receive a email with an 3.2 megabyte powerpoint attachment, does it really make sense to send it to everyone in the organization or should you put it in a public folder and send a short note to everyone telling where to find it? Big attachments choke the network and the servers. Also, don't forward junk mail. Lots of people get "Spammed." That's when they get unsolicited email

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Soil testing scheduled for base housing and child care facility

**Courtesy Environmental
Management Office**

As part of the process to support closure and reuse efforts, Environmental Management personnel has arranged for soils sampling around base housing and the child care facility to ensure lead from paint has not washed into the soil. The primary source of lead in soil surrounding homes is generally from the deterioration of lead-based paint on building exteriors. Contractors from Earth Tech will be taking soil samples from Nov. 4 - 7.

EM personnel have had investigations done and areas cleaned up where lead based paints were used in the past. The EM project manager, Donna Maxey, continues to monitor all aspects involving lead based paint issues at the base to ensure the health and safety of people in base housing are protected. To date, results from previous soil samplings taken in the housing area showed levels of lead that matched background (what is normally found in that area) levels.

As part of a lead and asbestos program, a survey was done for EM in

1995 identified areas with lead based paint in good condition and areas that needed to be cleaned up. This work was performed and the areas in good condition continue to be monitored.

More information about this and other EM projects is available through public meetings, Spacemaker articles and a quarterly environmental newsletter. Please contact Margaret Gidding at 643-1742, ext. 354 if you have further questions on this or other EM projects or if you want to be placed on the mailing list for the quarterly environmental newsletter.

DAO transfers to San Bernardino Nov. 1

Robert H. Calvert
Defense Accounting Office

The Defense Accounting Office, Bldg. 209, will cease operation at McClellan on Oct. 30. Requests for accounting information after Oct. 30 should be held until Nov. 10 and directed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service San Bernardino Operating Location (OPLOC). Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 10, DAO will produce October financial reports, pack and transport accounting files to San Bernardino, and integrate data bases. OPLOC points of contact are:

•**Accounts Receivable, Cost Accounting, stock funds**

Accounting Operations Section
DSN: 245-3016

Commercial: (909) 382-3016
•**Central Procurement, Foreign military sales** (CPAS pd at Columbus, By-others)

Acquisition Section

DSN: 245-3227

Commercial: (909) 382-3227

•**Accounts Control, Financial Reports**

Reports and Analysis Section

DSN: 245-3129

Commercial: (909) 382-3129

•**Accounts Payable** (Contracts, Purchase Orders, AF 616s, MORDs, etc.)

Vendor Pay and Travel Section

DSN: 245-3085

Commercial: (909) 382-3085

•**Disbursing** (Paying and Collecting)

Disbursing Section

DSN: 245-3270

Commercial: (909) 382-3270

SM-ALC Customer Service (Military Pay, Travel Pay, Civilian Pay), system fund target loads, and fund certification will remain at McClellan. These services, along with Traffic Management Office and Commercial Transportation Organization - previously SATO are located in Bldg. 269B, 5116 Dudley Blvd., Suite 2 (behind Bldg. 209). Hours of operation are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Telephone numbers are:

Military Pay: 643-6965

Travel Pay: 643-6996

Civilian Pay: 643-6725

Funding Target Loads: 643-1600

Funding/Certification: 643-0391

TMO: 643-6537

CTO: 643-4410

Job fair attracts 2,000 people

1st Lt. John S. Hutcheson
SM-ALC Public Affairs

Normally red and white C-130s are parked in the Coast Guard Hangar at the north end of the base, but on Oct. 22, they gave way to a myriad of businesses and training vendors for the first ever combined McClellan Job Fair and SETA Training Vendor Fair.

The fair, which was a cooperative effort between the Focus Centers, the Family Support Center and the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, attracted 2,000 civilian and military employees, according to Ev Kidwell, Civilian Personnel Officer.

Kidwell said the feedback from the vendors was extremely positive. "According to the vendors, our employees now seem a lot more serious about finding other employment," said Kidwell.

The four-hour event boasted over 62 different businesses from the private and public sectors as well as 26 training agencies.

"A job fair of this type, especially of this magnitude, is an excellent opportunity for people with marketable skills to talk with many different types of vendors about many different kinds of jobs," Ross Kidwell, manager of the four Focus Centers on base.

Carolyn Diaz, coordinator of the fair for the Family Support Center, said 500 letters of invitation were sent to businesses and agencies in the public and private sectors. The vendors were then screened and eliminated if they were not hiring.

"Vendors were not invited unless they had openings," said Diaz.

Diaz added that the job vendors struck a good balance between the private and public sectors. In addition to private companies such as Aerojet and Hewlett Packard, the event featured representatives from Hill Air Force Base as well as several city and county and state agencies such as the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the California Department of Transportation.

Jay Atchison, an EF-111 sheet metal worker, said the job fair was definitely helpful in his



U.S. Air Force Photo by 1st Lt. John S. Hutcheson
Staff Sgt. Dan Krueger, 938th EIS talks with a representative from Addeco at the Oct. 22 Job Fair held in the Coast Guard hangar.

quest for new employment. "I've got some good leads for places I wasn't even looking," he said.

If anyone doubts that the job fairs are a valuable resource, they need only talk to Andy Cabrera, a human resources specialist for Raytheon. Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Cabrera retired Sept. 1 as the superintendent of the 364th Recruiting Squadron and less than 2 months later, he was back at McClellan recruiting base workers for positions in the company. He was able to gain new employment because of a job fair downtown like the one held here.

Not only did McClellan workers have an opportunity to talk with future employers, but they got the chance to learn about numerous training opportunities from entities such as MTI Western Business College and Paxton Trade Schools.

"The training vendor fair was basically set up to allow exposure to different vendors we have contracted through SETA," said Gregory Williams, operations manager for SETA. "They can provide the training that's necessary to facilitate acquisition of jobs which may be here or any other private industry jobs."

"We help people transition from public employment to private sector employment and may use retraining as a method to prepare them for that transition," added Williams.

Williams said currently, about 600 McClellan employees are enrolled in SETA retraining programs.

Clinic introduces new audiologist

Courtesy 77 Medical Group

The 77th Medical Group has a new audiologist in Flight Medicine. She is Captain Jill Juvan, who comes to McClellan from the 375th Medical Group at Scott AFB where she served as chief audiologist. Here at McClellan, she heads the Hearing Conservation Program which serves nearly 3,400 employees.

"The purpose of the program is to protect personnel from the harmful effects of hazardous noise," she said. "Employees exposed to high levels of noise day after day, even just intermittently, run a risk of permanent hearing loss. We evaluate the employee's hearing and properly fit adequate hearing protection. We also provide education on the dangers of noise induced hearing loss and the importance of prevention."

When a decrease in hearing is detected, special procedures are taken to re-evaluate and re-educate the employee concerning his hearing protection. The potential hazards of exposure to noise levels over 84 decibels are discussed with the employee. If the person's hearing continues to decrease the employee may be removed from his hazardous noise environment. "When hearing protection is used routinely and properly, there should be no reason for an employee to be moved to another job," adds Juvan.

Juvan said it is difficult to impress upon people the importance of hearing. Unlike vision, she explained, a slight change in hearing often goes unnoticed. When the loss progresses to the point where a person has difficulty understanding others, it is too late.

She said noise induced hearing loss cannot be corrected by medicine or surgery. A hearing aid can help but it is not a cure. Many of the hearing losses Juvan evaluates are not job related but are caused by pathologies of the middle ear system and are surgically and or medically correctable. "Often, in the process of evaluating and quantifying the presence of noise induced hearing loss, other pathologies are identified. When this occurs, recommendations are made for proper medical care," she said. Prior to her arrival, patients with significant hearing loss were sent to Travis AFB at considerable expense and time lost.

In addition to Juvan, the clinic has a full time CAOHC certified audiometric technician, Mary Webb, who has worked in hearing conservation at McClellan since 1987. There are three computerized audiometric booths which can be used simultaneously and a clinical diagnostic suite. The clinic also provides hearing protection on a walk-in basis.

Juvan said she and Webb will be happy to answer questions on hearing loss and on the hearing conservation program. They may be reached by calling 643-8451.

Registration Deadline for vehicles Approaches Nov. 1

On Nov. 3 all vehicular traffic attempting entry to McClellan AFB without the proper decal affixed to the vehicle, or proper credentials, will be re-routed off base to the Palm Gate where a temporary pass will be issued. Those personnel who have properly registered their vehicle will be allowed entry to the base at any gate, however, because we expect an increased volume of unregistered vehicles at Palm Gate, we are recommending alternate gates be considered. We would expect delays primarily during the morning rush hour traffic for the first week of November. Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to the Security Forces Operations Section, at 643-3839 or 643-2020.

Computer Alert! Commercial applications to be disabled

John Ellis
77th Communication Squadron

Effective immediately, all commercially available auto push-pull data gathering applications (e.g., Pointcast, Network Client, Pointcast I-Server, Freeloader, Intelliserver, etc.) are to be disabled from all networks. Currently, these technologies introduce security risk and impact data throughout on our networks that cannot be tolerated. Some concerns are: The ability of Pointcast clients to download upgrades to itself cannot be disabled. Halting the upgrade in order to VIRUS scan in not possible. Clients can easily be redirected to an unauthorized I-server. The Air Force Communications Agency has been asked to help set up future versions of these Auto Push-Pull applications, because we realize the value of this type of technology.

AFMC logistics commanders board convenes

HQ AFMC/LG will convene a logistics officer squadron commander's board Nov. 3. The board will consider major selects, majors and lieutenant colonels in the following AFSCs: 21LX, 21AX, 21GX, 21SX and 21TX. For details, call Master Sgt. Valentino P. Ubaldo, 643-1094.

Air Force Sergeants' Association membership drive

AFSA's fall membership drive is in full swing with a \$3, \$4 and \$5 discount offered on a one, two or three year membership. The discount applies to new and rejoining members.

Membership costs without the discount are: \$21 for one year, \$36 for two years, and \$52 for three years. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ken Houck at 643-5428.

Album cover contest held

The McClellan Commemorative Association is sponsoring a contest for the design of the cover crest of the McClellan Commemorative Album. The winner will receive a free copy of the album. The design must fit within a 6" X 8" area...be creative. The theme should represent McClellan, the Air Force and the McClellan mission. All entries should be sent, along with your name, daytime phone number and organization, to MCA, P.O. Box 60474, Sacramento, Calif. 95860-0474 not later than Nov. 30.

HAP registrants date extended

The final filling date for Homeowners Assistance Program has been extended from Sept. 30, 2000 to Sept. 30, 2002. For more information, call the HAP Office, 643-3305.

Annual leave donation needed

Bonnie Schumacher, a supply technician, needs annual leave. If you would like to donate annual leave under the provisions of the Leave Transfer Program, contact the employee relations specialist for your organization for the proper forms needed to complete the transaction.

652 CLSS sponsors food basket Walk-A-Thon

The 652 CLSS will sponsor a base-wide Walk-A-Thon to promote the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive held by Family Services. The Walk-A-Thon will be at the Talbot Fitness Center Gym, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. The cost is \$5 and the distance will be six miles. Prizes will be raffled off after the walk.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Andrew Castell, 643-1177, or Thelma Crump, Family Services, 643-3815.

Halloween 'Trunk Or Treat' planned

The Family Support Center will be sponsor the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31 at the Base Chapel parking lot from 4 - 5 p.m. Many organizations will display their decorated vehicles with candy for all the children. Bring the kids by to go Trunk Or Treating and see the vehicles.

With your help and support, the Trunk Or Treat will be safe and howling event for the whole family. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wes Wheeler, 643-1106

Installation voting officer needed

A volunteer is needed to serve as the installation voting officer. The duty involves providing voting assistance to active duty members on such issues as registration and elections at the local, state, and national level. The volunteer must be in the grade of Lt. Colonel, Major or civilian equivalent.

To volunteer or for more information, call the Installation Voting Action Officer, Lt. John DiSebastain, 643-6005, or Tech. Sgt. Fredrick Jones, Military Personnel Flight, 643-6277.

Space A flights

The following are dates and destinations for space available flights out of McClellan through Nov. 6:

Oct. 31 Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Nov. 2 Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Oceana NAS, Va.

Dover AFB, Del.

Mildenhall AB, England

Ramstein AB, Germany

Hickam AFB, Hawaii

Nov. 6 Forbes ANG, Kan.

Pensacola NAS, Fla.

Hickam AFB, Hawaii

The information may change without notice. Call the passenger terminal, 643-3944, for the most current information.

Halloween party is coming

"The Masquerade" Halloween party is coming to Flashback Pizzeria Oct. 31, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. This event includes an interactive game concept similar to mystery theater productions where everyone has a part to play. Modern-day vampires will lurk through the club and participants use clue cards and their sleuthing skills to unmask the ring-leader, the Count.

There will be great prizes available including Halloween T-shirts and a pair of American Airlines round-trip tickets from SATO Travel. There will also be prizes for the best costume, drink specials and much more. For more information, call Flashback, 643-4139.

NCOA hosts Halloween party

The McClellan Central Valley Chapter and *Spirit of Sacramento* Auxiliary Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association are hosting a Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 31, at Flashback Pizzeria (patio area) from 8 p.m.

Halloween gate closures announced

It's that time of year again! In preparation for Halloween, the 77th Security Forces Squadron is gearing up for a safe and enjoyable holiday for the Capehart community. In order to accomplish this goal we have taken several precautions which will be in effect 31 Oct.

•Trick or Treat hours will be 6 - 8 p.m.

•Aztec and Blackfoot vehicle gates will close at 5 p.m.

•All pedestrian gates will close at 5 p.m.

•Entry will be restricted to military i.d. card holders only

•Personnel sponsoring guests must meet their guest at the Navaho gate.

Our goal is to ensure an incident free, enjoyable evening of the kids. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation. If you need additional information, call Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Perkins, 643-3839.



to 12 midnight. The party is free to all NCOA members. Cost for their nonmember guests will be \$5.

There will be food, drinks, music, dancing and various contests. For ticket information or additional information, call Tammy Sullivan, 568-4123 or Kevin Johnson, 568-4196.

Upcoming CFC tours

Oct. 30: 9:30-1130 a.m. at Saddle Pals

Nov. 6: 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Loaves and Fishes

Nov. 13: 9-11:30 a.m. at Shriners Hospital

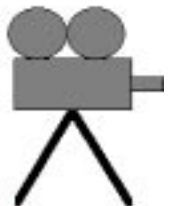
Nov. 18: 9-11 a.m. at Mexican-American Alcoholism Program

For more information, contact Pat Duggins at 643-5001.



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Nov. 6

Nov. 13

BAT-21

The Right Stuff



Concession stand open. Base theater doors open at 6 p.m. and showtime is at 6:30. To reserve seats, call 1st Lt. Grant Potts at 643-6165. Open to military and civilian personnel.

SMW meeting planned

The Society of Military Widows will hold their regular meeting on Nov. 1 at the Base Chapel Annex at 1 p.m. For additional information, call Edna E. Brown, 422-0891.

Health and Wellness class offered

A Heart Disease Brown Bag Lunch seminar will be offered on Oct. 31 from noon until 1 p.m. Each class will be offered at Rafferty Hall in the Health and Wellness Center. To sign up, call 643-4648.

DRMO holds sealed bid sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at McClellan will hold a local sealed bid sale of surplus government property. Viewing and bidding are permitted Nov. 3-5, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the DRMO facility, Bldg. 700E. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 6.

Items to be sold include automatic data processing equipment, televisions, office equipment, electrical and electronic equipment, computer equipment, sleeping bags, typewriters, office and household furniture, plumbing and air treatment. Property is combined in like commodity groups and sold in various size lots.

For more information, contact DRMO, (916) 643-3830 or visit the Defense Reutilization Marketing web site <http://www.drms.dla.mil>.

Health and Wellness Center offers nutrition class

The Health and Wellness Center at Rafferty Hall is offering a two-part "Healthy Eating, Healthy You" nutrition class on the first and second Monday of every month beginning Nov 3 and 10 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.. This class focuses on healthy eating habits for good health, maximum fitness, and disease prevention. The nutrition information is beneficial for persons interested in general nutrition information, or with high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, or excess weight.

All Health and Wellness Services are open to active duty military members, guard and reserve, dependents, retirees, and DOD civilians. Call the HAWC, at 643-4648, to sign up or for more information.

Yearbook committee seeks volunteers

Are you interested in McClellan's history? The McClellan Commemorative Association is looking for volunteers to help compile the historical sections of the upcoming "yearbook."



U.S. Air Force Photo by 1st Lt. John S. Hutcheson

1st Lt. Karl Dolson puts a little elbow grease into it as he washes one of the many cars during the Oct. 22 CFC car wash. Numerous loaned executives, key workers and other volunteers combined efforts to raise \$400 for the campaign.

Kids on the Move Class to be held

The Kids on the Move Class will be held Nov. 10 and Dec. 15 from 4 - 6:45 p.m. at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1407.

This hands-on interactive class is designed to assist children with a smooth transition before they relocate to a new duty station. The class is geared for children age 6-12 years old. The instructor is Laura Brown. For more information and to sign up, call 643-1106.

Health Consumers' Advisory Council to meet

The 77th Medical Group will hold its Health Consumers' Advisory Council on Nov. 18 at 2 p.m., in the clinic MCC conference room, Bldg. 98, second floor. This forum is designed to allow all base personnel to discuss local healthcare issues and to express concerns to medical personnel from McClellan Clinic/Hospital.

Anyone who has a concern or recommendation is encouraged to attend. All questions can be directed to Senior Airman Crystal Keeler, 643-7410.

TOD sponsors

CFC fund-raiser

Technical Operations Division and Flashback Pizzeria will sponsor a Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser, Nov. 1, 9 p.m. - midnight. Larry Nixon and local alternative rock band "Citizen X" will provide the entertainment. Larry Nixon and the band members have agreed to donate their performance fees (\$200) in support of TOD's CFC fundraising campaign.

There will not be a cover charge for this event, but TOD's CFC representatives will be on hand to accept donations on behalf of the CFC fund-raiser efforts.

Volunteers should contact Lt. Samantha Franceschi, 643-6130

New commissioning program for nurse corps announced

A new commissioning program has been introduced for active duty enlisted applicants for commission in the USAF Nurse Corps during FY '98. A selection board will meet at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Dec. 11. Application deadline to Headquarters AFPC/DPAMN is Nov. 25.

General eligibility criteria includes: BS in nursing (completed no later than Dec 31), registered nurse license in any state or U. S. Territory, minimum overall GPA 2.75, less than 35 years of age at time of commissioning, active duty enlisted (in any AFSC) meeting all quality standards.

Interested members should contact the Base Education Office for further application instructions, Bldg 8, Room 225, 643-4776, Mon. - Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

'Feast of all Saints' holy day to be observed

A mass will be held on Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m., at the Base Chapel. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics.

For more information, call Chaplain Capt. Randall Roberts, 643-6021.

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